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For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING BASE MATERIAL FOR OPTICAL FIBER,
APPARATUS THEREFORE, AND BASE MATERIAL MANUFACTURED BY THE SAME

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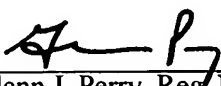
Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) citing an action dated May 7, 2004 issued in connection with a corresponding application filed in the Republic of China. A copy of the action in Chinese language and an English translation are enclosed.

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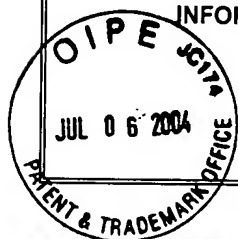
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